

Nationally, the Section 45G tax credit generates 3,305 full-time jobs nationwide each year. This does not include the tens of thousands of jobs in the American steel and timber industries that produce the raw materials necessary to make the track improvements. It is imperative that the House and the Senate come to an agreement so that we can get railroad employees back to work and make sure that the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad continues to operate smoothly.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the extension of the Section 45G Short Line Railroad Tax Credit.

IN RECOGNITION OF THOMAS  
TESHARA

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 2010*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Tom Teshara, a San Francisco native who has been responsible for mentoring and recruiting hundreds of women and men for admission to the United States Naval Academy. Starting in 1966 as a volunteer Tom personally recruited 82 young men who were accepted by the Academy during a 4-year period. In 1972 the Academy's Candidate Guidance Office established a West Coast branch office and named Tom as its first director with responsibility for ten Western states. At one time there were 1,049 Midshipmen enrolled at the Academy from these ten Western States. Before his recent retirement Tom led a network of 125 Academy Information Officers who counseled about 6,000 candidates annually.

Tom Teshara's work involved many evenings and weekends where he represented the Academy at area school events. He founded the USNA Parents Club and coordinated all club activities. When midshipmen returned home for the holidays, it was Tom who arranged for new candidates and their parents to sit down and discuss the Academy experience with the midshipmen. It is commonly accepted that no other person in the country has recruited more candidates for the Naval Academy than Tom Teshara.

Tom, born in 1927, was drafted out of high school by the U.S. Army where he served for 13 months before another draft of sorts—he signed a baseball contract with the San Francisco Seals where he played second base in the minor league system. His interest in sports has continued through the years. He founded the PeeWee Training League in the South San Francisco/San Bruno area and was athletic director at St. Veronica's School for nine years while playing semipro baseball.

Tom Teshara and his wife, Jeannine, were married in October 1949. They have a son, Steve, and a daughter, Debra, and two granddaughters. Madam Speaker, Tom's family has every right to be proud of his efforts of the past 50 years to bring the best and the brightest young women and men into service for our country. He deserves a big salute from all of us.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 2010*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably delayed for votes in the House chamber yesterday, May 18, 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 273.

THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE END OF THE SRI LANKAN  
CIVIL WAR

**HON. BRAD MILLER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 2010*

Mr. MILLER of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today marks the one-year anniversary of the end of the civil war in Sri Lanka, which is a reason to be hopeful about the future of Sri Lanka. However, I also rise to voice my concern for a community at risk. The viability of a traditionally Tamil region in Sri Lanka is under threat. Since the beginning of the war, one third of the Tamil population was driven off the island and many more were displaced. A large area in the north central part of the island that was a predominantly Tamil area is now almost devoid of Tamils. According to the United Nations, more than 60 percent of homes in the north have been seriously damaged by the fighting. To make matters worse, many Sinhalese families moved into traditional Tamil areas while Tamil inhabitants were kept in detention camps following the end of the war. Finally, Tamil homes, churches, temples and cemeteries were destroyed during the war with no assurance from the Sri Lankan Government that they will be rebuilt. Sri Lanka's Tamil population is in danger of losing their identity and their traditional homeland. The United Nations has warned that "donor fatigue" in Sri Lanka has resulted in the United Nations receiving only 24 percent of the donor funds it needs to help displaced Tamils. Madam Speaker, I urge the international community to renew their efforts and take action so the Tamil culture and history is not lost.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 2010*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, on May 18, 2010, I was unavoidably unable to cast my votes for Rollcall 273, Rollcall 274 and Rollcall 275. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

H.R. 24, TO REDESIGNATE THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AS THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

**HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 2010*

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 24, a bill to redesignate the Department of the Navy as the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps. This legislation was passed out of this chamber on a voice vote yesterday. Had a recorded vote been requested on the bill, I would like the RECORD to reflect that I would have cast a vote in opposition.

I have been a member of the United States Navy for more than 15 years and I am proud to be one of three Members of Congress still serving in the Navy Reserve.

Not a day goes by that I don't recognize the sacrifices the brave men and women of the Marine Corps have made in service to our country. Frankly, there isn't a sight that brings more fear to our enemy than that of an approaching line of determined Marines with a mission to execute.

Past, present and future Marines should certainly be proud of the Corps, but also of the Department of the Navy. The Marine Corps was, is, and should remain, part of the Navy, both in name and in mission. A name change at the Department level will do nothing but foster animosity in the ranks of the Navy and Marine Corps. We should focus instead on the fight at hand and not worry about a change in nomenclature. Unfortunately, the spirit of H.R. 24 is counter to that notion.

Changing the name of the Department of Navy would cast away over 200 years of tradition. Our founding fathers created the Department of the Navy in 1798. Passing legislation by voice vote that simply does away with the name "United States Department of the Navy" is a disservice to the history of the Department and its various components. Millions of sailors and Marines have been killed or maimed in service to our Nation as part of the Department of the Navy. That name meant something to them and it should to all of us as well.

As the esteemed body on the other side of this building considers this bill, I hope that it will examine all potential repercussions. Namely, they should consider the traditions the United States Navy holds dear.

I encourage my fellow statesmen to speak both with Navy leadership and Navy veterans in their district before casting a vote in support of this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 2010*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor on Wednesday, March 24, 2010.

For Wednesday, March 24, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 183, on motion to suspend the